January 12, [redacted] 1970

To: HW,(GRS)
Subj.: HW's notes on CD's recently [redacted] received from me

You asked about our comments on the microfilm order. Jim and I rarely make notes similar to yours. We do send you what we [redacted] think would interest you, except in cases where an obvious followup is called for and we do it and then send the results. I estimate that we would have sent you at least half of the pages in this order which you requested copies of. As you can see from the list of on-hand CD's we get in quite a lot, and much of it is real junk.

I am fairly sure that all the pages of which we sent you 2 copies are those where you so requested. I am enclosing a [redacted] couple of pages where you [redacted] sent me 2 copies.

To save time, I will restrict my comments here to major disagreements and points where I can add factual material. I am sure you know that I would disagree with many of your suggested interpretations, since I am always looking for innocent explanations; I expect that you would not use many of your first thoughts in a book, so I won't comment that much now. Needless to say, most of your ideas agree with ours; I won't comment on them either.

CD 6.27-31: our interest was mainly the similarity to what [redacted] came up in the Shaw trial.
CD 20.20-1: agreed, very strange. We should check Wollweber name file.
CD 126.29: I will ask JNS to check name lists for Mendez, who is Mexican and did work fairly closely with LHO (10H217).
CD 131.2: agree that this stuff may be very important, will ask JNS to work on it. (George Rennar may also have done something.) In your separate note of 1/5 on the Folsom Exhibit, you mention that it is not complete. The Archives says that the Folsom and Donabedian Exhibits, and the cover letter, form all [redacted] of CD 82. The cover letter calls this "the military records" of LHO. I remind you of my earlier work on related topics, especially the ONI file, which the Commission had to ask for. Then they asked for assurances that they had all DOD records on LHO, but the Archives coundn't find any response. Also, Stern said he was going to complain to ONI (about what is not clear), but they couldn't [redacted] find any such memo. This is one of those things that has to be checked out in person. At the very least, we must check all the possibly relevant GA-1 files (ONI, DOD, Navy, Marines, etc.) and the correspondence files (for McNaughton, Folsom, Bartimo, etc.) and the LHO-Pre-Russian Period-6 file. At the very [redacted] least, you or Bud could skim through these files and, if they are not long, order a copy for me. It would not be a good idea for me to order blindly, and we cannot trust the Archives to dig up all the "relevant" files in an intelligent way. (P.S.- I suspect that DUINS means "duty instruction" or the like; cf. 19H756. We should check the other St. Louis reports, for more on the records. We may have sent you some reports (I can't recall the CD number now) indicating that Oswald's old units [redacted] had nothing (records or recollection) on him.)
CD 151.3-6. This is not in the FPCC file, as you thought likely.
CD 205.332-3. I am sure there would be more on this in an earlier CD. I don't find it too interesting or suspicious.
CD 206.7: I don't know what this [redacted] report is about, but Brennan is in CD 5, pp. 12-14, so the FBI was hardly keeping him from the Commission.
CD 206.8: From the index, it appears that the next 2 pages are either a copy of the story or interview(s), so your objections are probably without foundation. (I don't really mind taking the time to check things like this for you, but (since I probably wouldn't have found anything odd about this page) I wouldn't mind if you or someone [redacted] else did this kind of obvious checking.)
CD 206.132. This is the bell-hop Murphy. JNS has lots on him; I will ask him to summarize the story for you,

CD 246.2-17: Part of another CD relates to the Parrot Jungle incident (don't recall number, but you sent us a copy shortly after we got it independently. The summary does not really connect this incident and the DRE meeting - it looks proper to me. Copy of pp. 18-26 enclosed. (Pp. 27-8 are withheld; p. 29 is on another subject, apparently not the first page on it, so the withheld pages may not be on DRE. (p. 29 enclosed also.))
CD 405.17-22: McKibben is indexed to CD 75.295 (withheld), along with Ferrie and others (see enclosed cross-index). I hope JNS can check these names further.
CD 1444: I may have gotten some of the pages out of order. I sent all the enclosures except what was published; all were sent to me.
R to H, 7/23/64: I was aware there is more on the palmprint (e.g., Sylvia's book); and do not plan to work on it myself now. My copy of this letter has no WC file identification; I asked for it by date & names.
PC 4-1, p. 2: am returning your copy, dated 5/12. Strange. Notation in upper right of my copy is something-"Staff", I think.
The numbers on this and similar files, rubber-stamped in, are mine, hence a bit arbitrary. I have only reduced-size copies (the microfilm printout). We got the entire (available) file, 30 pp., on the order you have seen.
PC 4-1, p. 5 - I would like to see the staff historical memos, but unless Bud can't dig them up I would rather not submit the order.
PC 4-1, p. 14: I vaguely recall, but can't pin down, a report prowing that the letters cut out of CE 111 make "Marina Oswald" in Russian, or something equally innocent.

PLH